



Carbide grain sizes can vary from nano to extra-coarse, and the size of the grains affects the tool's wear life and its best applications:

Carbidetek Grade Charts

| Grade Code | ISO No. | Density | Co% | HRA | HV30 | TRS | Grain Size |
|------------|---------|---------|-----|------|------|--------|------------|
| HF06 | K10-K20 | 14.85 | 6 | 92.6 | 1720 | >=3000 | Submicron |
| HF06U | K05-K10 | 14.55 | 6 | 94 | 2000 | >=3200 | Ultra-fine |
| HF08U | K10-K20 | 14.45 | 8 | 93.3 | 1850 | >=3600 | Ultra-fine |
| HF09 | K05-K10 | 14.35 | 9 | 94 | 2000 | >=4000 | Nano grain |
| HF10 | K20-K40 | 14.4 | 10 | 91.7 | 1570 | >=4000 | Submicron |
| HF12U | K20-K30 | 14.15 | 12 | 92.5 | 1700 | >=4000 | Ultra-fine |

Nano grain: Less than 0.2 μm
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Ultra-fine grain: 0.2–0.5 μm
Submicron grain: 0.5–0.8 μm
Fine grain: 0.8–1.3 μm
Normal grain: 1.3–2.5 μm
Coarse grain: 2.5–6.0 μm
Extra-coarse grain: Greater than 6.0 μm

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